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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Susumu YASUDA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/654,394

Filed: September 1, 2000

For: ELECTROMAGNETIC ACTUATOR,
ITS MANUFACTURING METHOD
AND OPTICAL SCANNER USING
THE SAME ELECTROMAGNETIC
ACTUATOR

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action dated February 14, 2003 in the above-identified application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I (Claims 6, 11, 16, 21 and 26), drawn to an optical scanner comprising a movable mirror and an electromagnetic actuator mechanically connected with the movable mirror.

Applicants note that Claims 1-5 were not restricted, and therefore, remain currently pending for prosecution.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the claims could be searched by one Examiner without undue effort. It is also respectfully submitted that it is not mandatory to make a restriction requirement in every possible situation.

It is believed that if one Examiner acts on all of the claims of the present application at one time, overall examining time will be less than if two or more Examiners are involved. Furthermore, the examination of all of the claims at one time by one examiner in the present application will best ensure uniform prosecution quality. Therefore, in the interest of prosecution economy of time and quality for both the Office and Applicants, it is respectfully submitted that withdrawal of the restriction requirement in this application and examination of all pending claims on their merits are appropriate and such action is respectfully solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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